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open end, said covering comprising fabric that can adhere to a hook portion of a hook and loop fastening system, said covering being coated on the inside thereof with a polymeric material.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENT

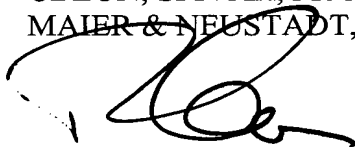
New Claim 23 is included within the elected group of claims, and finds support throughout the specification. See for example, specification page 26, first full paragraph, where Velcro® has been described generically as a hook and loop fastening system.

TRAVERSAL

The Restriction Requirement is traversed as is the election of species. In this case, there would be no burden upon the Office in searching all claims. With regard to the election of species requirement, Applicants respectfully request an extension of the search upon the determination of allowable subject matter in accordance with the MPEP.

Respectfully submitted,

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